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LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In preparation of a response to the Office Action dated 27 February 2002, Applicant submits this Letter having the following inquiry and information.

Approximately 3 weeks prior to this Letter, Applicants' undersigned attorney discussed with the Examiner the apparent Claim and number of Claim discrepancy reflected in the outstanding Official Action from the number and subject of the claims filed.

According to the Examiner, only original claims 1-13 were available to him, the patent Office file apparently omitting originally filed claims 14-42. To expedite prosecution of the present Application, Applicants submit a copy of claims 1-42 as originally filed together with a copy of the Filing Receipt

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indicating 42 total claims (5 independent) filed and received by the Patent and Trademark Office.

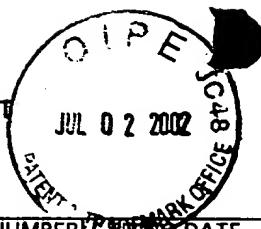
Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding Official Action and further request reconsideration of all pending claims (the original 1-42 and claims 43-64 added via Preliminary Amendment). To expedite the prosecution of the present Application, Applicants call the attention of the Examiner to one of the areas of novelty of the present application being the thin radiation detector/very heavy scintillator structure of some of the pending claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney should he feel that such a call would further the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,
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